

precautions, happen frequently, it seems, according to the report of the inspector-general, in French asylums. But in France there seems to be at least the compensation that negligent attendants are punished by law.

IN several issues of the JOURNAL, under the heading of *Clinical Notes*, a number of neurological cases of interest have been reported. It is our desire to establish this department permanently, and in order to attain this end, we request our subscribers and readers to send us brief notes of cases occurring in their practice.

Every practitioner knows that it is often easy to make a short general outline of cases which, from lack of time or supposed lack of interest, he would refrain from reporting in a more formal manner. It is these short cases that we shall welcome to our Clinical Note Department, though of course longer and more elaborate reports will be all the more desirable.

STILL another new medical journal comes forward and asks attention and favor from the general profession. It is entitled *The Medical Chronicle*, and is edited in Baltimore by George H. Rohé, M.D., Professor of Hygiene and Clinical Dermatology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of that city; it is to be issued monthly at a yearly subscription of one dollar.

There is good work in the first number. The article on the "Conflict of Rational Scientific Medicine with Homœopathy," by Dr. Jno. S. Lynch, is thoughtful and practical. Dr. Rohé is everywhere interesting, and Dr. J. H. Branham, under the title "A Year's Progress in Surgery," begins the first of a series of "special chronicles," that are promised to be a monthly feature of the journal.

There is an air of permanency about *The Chronicle* that commands our respect—hence this brief mention.

THE Medico-Psychological Society of Paris, at its séance of July, 1882, decided to put forth the following questions for prize

competition. *Prix Aubanel*: do there exist signs or indications which allow of recognizing that a mental disease is hereditary without a knowledge of the patient's antecedents? Give such signs and indications. *Prix Belhomme*: The proper means of developing the faculty of language in idiots.

THE American Neurological Association offers a prize of five hundred dollars, to be known as the "William A. Hammond Prize," and to be awarded at the meeting in June, 1884,¹ to the author of the best essay on the "Functions of the Thalamus in Man."

The conditions under which this prize is to be awarded are as follow:

1. The prize is open to competitors of all nationalities.
2. The essays are to be based upon original observations and experiments on man and the lower animals.
3. The competing essays must be written in the English, French, or German language: if in the last, the manuscript is to be in the Italian handwriting.
4. Essays are to be sent (postage prepaid) to the Secretary of the Prize Committee, Dr. E. C. Seguin, 41 West 20th Street, New York City, on or before February 1, 1884; each essay to be marked by a distinctive device or motto, and accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing the same device or motto, and containing the author's visiting card.
5. The successful essay will be the property of the Association, which will assume the care of its publication.
6. Any intimation tending to reveal the authorship of any of the essays submitted, whether directly or indirectly conveyed to the Committee or to any member thereof, shall exclude the essay from competition.
7. The award of the prize will be announced by the undersigned Committee, and will be publicly declared by the President of the Association at the meeting in June, 1884.

¹ No essay of sufficient originality having been sent to the Committee, this prize is again offered to universal competition.—E. C. SEGUIN, *Secretary*.